

Docket No.: 44239-071



PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of : Customer Number: 20277
Hiroharu TANAKA : Confirmation Number: 1208
Serial No.: 09/661,798 : Group Art Unit: 2852
Filed: September 14, 2000 : Examiner: M. Carter

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For: IMAGE DETERMINING APPARATUS CAPABLE OF PROPERLY DETERMINING
IMAGE AND IMAGE FORMING APPARATUS UTILIZING THE SAME

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Mail Stop Restriction Requirement
Honorable Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

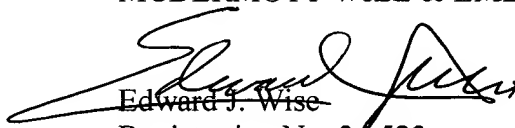
Sir:

Noting the Office Action of July 28, 2004 wherein restriction has been required, Applicant(s) hereby elect Group II (claims 9-20) for prosecution in the above-identified application.

To the extent necessary, a petition for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 is hereby made. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account 500417 and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

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